

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

By Norris

A RESOLUTION relative to the confirmation of appointments to the state university board of East Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-101, provides for the governance of East Tennessee State University by a state university board; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that the governor shall appoint eight (8) members to the state university board of East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the eight (8) gubernatorial appointees of the state university board of East Tennessee State University shall be joined by a faculty member of the institution who shall be selected by a method determined by the faculty senate and a non-voting student member who shall be appointed by the state university board; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, further provides that at least three (3) of the gubernatorial appointees shall be alumni of the institution for which they are serving and that at least six (6) of the nine (9) voting members of the state university board shall be residents of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201(f)(2)(A), provides that the initial terms of the members appointed by the governor to a state university board shall be three (3), four (4), and six (6) years. Three (3) members shall serve a three-year term; three (3) members shall serve a four-year term; and two (2) members shall serve a six-year term; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Dorothy Grisham of Chattanooga, Dr. Linda S. Latimer of Johnson City, and James J. Powell of Johnson City to the state university board of East Tennessee State University, each for a term of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Janet Ayers of Parsons, Steven DeCarlo of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Scott Niswonger of Greeneville to the state university board of East Tennessee State University, each for a term of four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed David A. Golden of Kingsport and Ron Ramsey of Blountville to the state university board of East Tennessee State University, each for a term of six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Grisham owns and operates an Allstate Insurance agency in Chattanooga; she is a graduate of East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Linda S. Latimer is an anatomic and clinical pathologist and the owner of Mountain Regional Pathology in Johnson City, as well as a clinical assistant professor in the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University; she is a graduate of the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, James J. Powell is the founder of Powell Companies, a diverse company encompassing cranes, steel erection, and design and construction for mineral processing facilities; he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Janet Ayers is president of the Ayers Foundation; she is a graduate of East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Steven DeCarlo is chief executive officer of AmWINS Group, Incorporated, a global specialty insurance distributor; he is a graduate of East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Scott Niswonger is the chairman and founder of the Niswonger Educational Foundation, executive chairman of Landair Transport, Incorporated, and chairman emeritus of Forward Air Corporation; he is a graduate of Tusculum College and Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, David A. Golden is senior vice president, chief legal and sustainability officer, and corporate secretary for Eastman Chemical Company; he holds a bachelor's degree and a juris doctorate from Brigham Young University; and

WHEREAS, the former lieutenant governor of the state of Tennessee, Ron Ramsey is the owner of Ron Ramsey and Associates; he is a graduate of East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the state university board of East Tennessee State University shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Dorothy Grisham to the state university board of East Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. Linda S. Latimer to the state university board of East Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of James J. Powell to the state university board of East Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Janet Ayers to the state university board of East Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Steven DeCarlo to the state university board of East Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Scott Niswonger to the state university board of East Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of David A. Golden to the state university board of East Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Ron Ramsey to the state university board of East Tennessee State University for a term that will expire on June 30, 2023.